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FROM MISSOURI.

There are all sorts of rumors from different parts of Missouri in our telegraphic dispatches this morning. It is quite certain that Price, with a force estimated at 14,000, has surrounded Lexington, and made a demand upon Col. Mulligan, who is in command of the National forces, to surrender, which demand was refused. This took place probably on Saturday. Up to Sunday no attack had been made by Price. We trust Mulligan has been reinforced, and Price wiped out by this time.

A SMALL MATTER.

It does not surprise us, and will not surprise the public, that that interesting trio, the *Times*, *Journal* and *Post*, after each endorsing Gen. Fremont's policy with regard to the slaves of rebels, have fallen to denouncing the TRIBUNE lustily for adhering to that very policy. And it is perfectly natural that the principal buffoon among them should declare that our adherence is *his reason* for crawfishing so disgracefully. What shall be said of such miserable whiffling and paltering with great subjects of national concern?

The *Times* and *Journal* have been taken with a sudden cramp concerning the sacredness of the law, as applied to traitors who have cast off all law and trampled the Constitution in the dust. They evidently want Gen. Fremont to go after Pillow and Price with a bench warrant and a sheriff's posse. It is proper enough in their view to arrest half the Maryland Legislature and send them to Fort Lafayette, without the slightest color of law, but highly improper to give freedom to the slave of an armed rebel. It is quite within the scope of Mr. Seward's functions to introduce the passport system for travelers to and from Europe, without the sanction of law, but a grave offence for Fremont to touch the sacred negro. That is—such are their views to-day. They will change to-morrow or the day after.

LET US HAVE A DRAFT.

The Hecker Jager and Turchin's 19th, both mainly recruited in Chicago, are among the regiments ordered by the Government to Washington. The friends of the boys in these two regiments will know where to address them.

But is it not a burning shame that New York, New England, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, with the aid of the Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Minnesota men already on the Potomac, cannot defend the Capital and through it their own chief cities, without stripping our Army of the West of five thousand troops, is a crisis like this? What is the East doing? Why should they, so rich in men, call on the West? Have we here nothing to do? Is St. Louis safe? Is Missouri pacified? Is the *corps d'armee* in New Orleans full to overflowing? Have not the military authorities at Washington heard of Polk, Pillow, Hardee, McCulloch, Price, Rains, Jeff. Thompson, and Mart. Green, with their 65,000 followers? Is Fremont to be treated as Lyon was? We tell the Beggards of the Atlantic sea-board that it is time for them to bestir themselves. They have now got from us of the Northwest nine regiments from Michigan; six from Wisconsin, and one under orders from Minnesota, six from Indiana and more from her are required, and will soon be on their way; and now from Illinois, in addition to Turchin's and Hecker's infantry,—the 19th and 24th,—three regiments of cavalry, Farnsworth, Brackett and Dickey's are commanded to go—a total of 30,000, to say nothing of the Indiana and Ohio men under General Rosecrans doing good service in Western Virginia. Yet the hard fighting is to be in the Valley of the Mississippi!

The West will demand, not for the purpose of compelling her sons to their duty, but for securing to the Army of the East the services of cowardly or unpatriotic New England, New York and Pennsylvania, that the work of drafting be at once begun. But in this heavy draft made upon us in the face of imminent danger, there is this consolation: With our brave boys in the van of McClellan's army, there will be no more such pitiable exhibitions as we saw at Great Bethel and Bull's Run. They will teach your Fire Zouaves and such like cattle the art of war. But if for nothing else, let the East be subjected to draft for men to carry our men's luggage and to serve as cooks in camp?

CHICAGO PRODUCE TRADE.

The receipts and shipments of flour, grain, live stock, &c., during the past week were as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	24,768	24,768
Wheat, bu	686,200	749,427
Corn, bu	1,005,009	1,174,425
Oats, bu	197,000	190,210
Rye, bu	4,800	26,640
Barley, bu	2,000	
Seeds, lbs	517,400	348,994
Pork, bbls	6	1,948
Lard, lbs	115,300	356,516
Lard, lbs	2,160	602
Tallow, lbs	8,893	1,000
Hides, No	1,000	3,034
Dressed Hogs, No		
Beef Cattle, No	4,038	3,049

The following table shows the receipts of leading articles since the 1st of January to date for three years:

	1861.	1860.	1859.
Flour, bbls	926,582	843,214	360,901
Wheat, bu	9,248,495	7,764,680	4,098,009
Corn, bu	19,295,152	12,696,694	3,945,504
Oats, bus	1,559,586	993,167	755,097
Rye, bus	201,668	167,278	109,273
Barley, bu	1,201,098	1,324,143	740,828
Seeds, lbs	4,598,909	4,434,166	3,165,966
Pork, bbls	28,944	18,778	15,666
Oil Seeds, lbs	8,852,494	6,788,998	5,624,014
Lard, lbs	6,256,157	2,979,389	2,941,858
Tallow, lbs	450,394	365,328	360,190
Hides, Number	177,027	108,705	61,653
Dressed Hogs, No	144,115	42,900	20,364
Cattle, No	108,347	67,989	45,515

During the past week Flour has advanced 10@15c per bbl; wheat advanced 10@13c on spring, and 7@8c on winter; corn advanced 3@3 1-2c.

A Narrow Escape.

The Chicago *Times* is a little more guarded in expressing its secession sympathies than some of its attaches. It seems that R. B. Avery, understood to be its Cairo correspondent, was arrested and kept in durance vile at Col. Rose's quarters at Bird's Point on the charge of being a secessionist. He was finally turned loose and then ordered by Gen. McClernand to leave Cairo and never show his face there again. The fellow made himself scarce as quickly as possible.

Breckinridge Off to Richmond.

The Frankfort, Ky., correspondent of the Philadelphia *Bulletin* states that Senator Breckinridge had gone to Richmond, Va.—which may be true, although no other paper in the news. Breckinridge has not been heard of since his speech boldly advising resistance to the war tax, and he may with good reason consider himself henceforth safer under the Government of *Jeff.* Davis than he could hope to be outside the Confederate States.

Great Loyal Meeting.

There was a great gathering of the people of Bristol and the adjoining counties at Bridgeport, Conn., on Saturday. In the afternoon Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson delivered an address of his stirring addresses, and resolutions were passed sustaining the Government in the most vigorous prosecution of the war. A meeting in the evening was addressed by Col. T. F. Meagher and others. ...less than 10,000 were present, and the patriotic sentiments of the speakers were responded to by hearty bursts of enthusiasm. The voice of the meeting was that there must be no turning aside, no thought of compromise.

Troops for Western Virginia.

Col. Tom Ford's regiment of Ohio volunteers started for Western Virginia on Monday night to reinforce Gen. McReynolds's division, which holds Cheat Mountain pass against Gen. Lee. The regiment was accompanied by two companies of cavalry.

Col. A. S. Piatt's regiment proceeded last Saturday to the Kanawha river to assist Gen. Rosecrans in driving the thief Floyd and the "stump-tail steers" of Wise across the Alleghany Mountains. Two regiments from Indiana left their camp on Monday and are hurrying to join Rosecrans to engage in the same laudable sport. The war will soon be carried into the Shenandoah valley between the Blue ridge and the Alleghany range.

The Sisters of Mercy.

The Sisters of Mercy who left here a few days ago to join the Irish Brigade, have had some difficulty in reaching their destination. A letter in the *Missouri Democrat*, dated at Jefferson City, Sept. 14th, says:

The Sioux City has had a hard road to travel. She returned yesterday again, after a second abortive attempt to reach Lexington. This time, however, she was actually attacked, and made a narrow escape. At Glasgow a force of nearly 2,000 men was discovered lining either bank of the river, and the boat was straightway fired upon by cannon, two pieces being planted on the left and one on the right bank. Their fire, however, was so badly aimed that she turned around in the face of it without a single shot striking nearer than fifty yards. They then saluted her with a broadside of musketry, a compliment for which, however, our boys had not waited, but advanced by squads with great politeness and fired during the whole time. Under this fire ten of the rebels were seen to throw up their hands and reel from their saddles. None of our men were hurt. The Sisters of Mercy, who have thus been balked a second time in their attempt to join the Irish Brigade, will have to be as merciful as possible, and wait until we have opened the road to Lexington.

☞ The Second Comptroller CURTIS, father-in-law of the late Senator Douglas, came with in an ace of being killed, wounded or taken prisoner on Monday. He, in company with Capt. Ingalls, had crossed Ball's Cross Roads in an open carriage, our pickets informing them that everything was safe for half a mile beyond, when in fact we had no sentinels on the road beyond the crossing. The party had approached within a few yards of the Loudon and Hampshire Railroad, where they were fired upon by rebel pickets concealed in bushes. The excursionists immediately retreated, and succeeded safely in reaching the lines.

HANNIBAL & ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD.—A passenger train upon the St. Joseph arrived at Hannibal, Monday evening, having had but few interruptions along the way: and the officers hope to be able soon to re-establish through connections, when if the military protection be perfect, the road will be once more thrown open to the public.

Possible Correspondence.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 14, 1861.

MAJ. GEN. JOHN C. FREMONT:

DEAR SIR.—I was the slave of Thomas L. Snead. As his confiscated property, you gave me free papers. I learn that these are not good; for I never *resided* the Federal authority, and of course by the President's amendment to your proclamation I am not legitimately free.

I propose, therefore, to join the rebel army and fighting there just long enough to make my freedom assured and legal.

Yours, &c., FRANK LEWIS.

Fire in a Philadelphia Theatre—Four Ballet Girls Shocking Burned.

An unfortunate accident occurred at the Continental Theatre in Walnut street, Philadelphia, on Saturday night, 14th, by which the building was for a time in imminent danger, and several gaining girls so badly burned that six have since died. The theatre has been leased by Wm. Wheatley, the wife of Wheatley, who had for a week produced the "Pompost" in presence of crowded houses, having on this occasion some 1500 persons. The first act had gone forward uninterruptedly, and the dancers were busily preparing in the dressing room to appear in the ballet at the opening of act second. It appears that Miss Cecilia Gale, one of four talented and handsome sisters, was about robing herself in ballet costume. She stood upon a settee to reach her dress, and somehow or other ignited a jet of gas, which was instantly lighted. Before the young lady could recover from her fright her clothing was all ablaze, and her sisters and several of the ballet girls from an adjoining dressing room, rushing up to assist her, were in turn set on fire. About a dozen of these helpless girls were thus lighted, all looks for fire ran over their gauze and among their underclothes, making fast to the close leggins or "tights," and literally burning to the bone. Their screams were thrilling, and no scene of horrors that the stage ever witnessed may be compared to the terrible picture behind the scenes, where the fire from the burning dress ascended up to the ceiling, and singed the lashes and hair of the affrighted woman.

Miss Cecilia Gale, writhing and still in flames, leaped down the staircase, and as she was caught by Mr. Bayard, a stage carpenter, who at once tore up the sea cloth, a sheet of canvass used to make waves, and wrapped it around her. He was much burned while doing this. This young lady was removed to the hospital soon afterwards.

Several girls leaped into the street, through the second story windows, and Miss Hannah Gale, already badly burned, fell upon the pavement, bruising her back and head so that her case is considered hopeless.

Miss Phebe Norden of Bristol, Pennsylvania, inhaled the flames, and was shockingly burned. She was at the point of death last evening.

Miss Annie Phillips died on Sunday morning.

Miss Anna McBride was burned in the breast, arms and legs, and is ben to the Pennsylvania Hospital. She suffered the most excruciating pain during Saturday night; but towards morning her delirium abated, and she died in the arms of Mrs. Wheatley.

Miss Angie Nichols was somewhat burned, but in the panic which ensued after the accident she jumped from the head of the flies to the stage—twenty-five feet—and breaking through a lot of mirrors and plate glass used to represent a lake, her hands and cheeks were cut.

The following ladies were burned in the hands and breast.

Mrs. Mary E. Herman suffered exceedingly.

Abby Carr, Margaret Conway, Thomas Bayard, Kate Harrison and a young man, whose name is unknown, were more or less badly burned. The last named inhaled the fire, and his lungs have since been bleeding.

Three of these people, it is believed, will die, and all will linger in acute pain for days—perhaps weeks and months.

The audience meantime was addressed by Mr. Wheatley, and told to vacate the house without unnecessary confusion. A number of ladies fainted on retiring, and there was a great deal of trepidation and alarm in the halls and exit ways.

The theatre was imperilled by the sea cloth, partially ignited, being thrown into the stable, where it was discovered on the point of being consumed, and so flung into the street.

The scene in the rear of the theatre, on Samson street, was most piteous and agonizing in its character. Half dressed ballet girls ran up and down, and the mothers and daughters took part in the processions and show scenes, were screaming their names amid confused sobbing, execration and fear. Carriages and cabs were called in haste, and as each sufferer was placed upon the cushions and taken away, the crowd pressed up and toncled her sores. A number of petty larcenies on dressing rooms were thrown open to the sufferers, and a few were so badly burned that they have not since been moved. There was a good deal of delay before help could be obtained; but after a time physicians and lotions were summoned. Some of the burned were taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital and others to their homes in remote parts of the town.

The artists of the adjacent theatres contributed to the relief of the needy, and Mr. Coulcock, it is said, who was playing at the Walnut, a few doors off, was unable to proceed with his part. The excitement continued to spread throughout the city, and all Saturday night and Sunday morning the theatre was surrounded by curious crowds. The Galesisters were beautiful and finely formed girls, English by birth, and they travelled through the country, some time ago, with the Ronzani troupe. The management cannot be blamed in any way for the occurrence. The theatre will open as usual on Tuesday, and on Wednesday the sufferers will receive a benefit. The event has spread gloom and sorrow throughout the city.

Blair and Fremont.

It seems probable that Col. Blair may have been laboring under the mistake of supposing that he, with some half dozen other politicians of more or less celebrity, outranked Gen. Fremont. We rejoice that they have all forced themselves mistaken.

Four options Gen. Fremont has been right all the time, and it would be well if the President and the rest of the politicians, could find sufficient employment in occupations less mischievous than a dimorous or meritorious supervision of his movements, or the prosecution of personal issues.—*Cin. Commercial.*

ST. LOUIS CORRESPONDENCE.

Something about the Reported Removal of Gen. Fremont.—The Arrest of Frank P. Blair, Jr.—Blair endorses Fremont's Proclamation.—An Impending Controversy.—The President's Amendment to Gen. Fremont's Emancipation Proclamation.—The St. Louis Provost Marshal.—Scenes at the Provost Marshal's Office.—Heroes and Cowards in the Missouri Regiments.—Importance of the F. P. General.—It Goes Rounds's property to be Confiscated.—Mail from St. Joseph.—News Wood's Military Status.

(Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.)

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 14, 1861.

The reported intention of the Administration to supercede Gen. Fremont is the command of this Department, has been the chief theme of conversation in this city for several days past, and it has elicited an unusual degree of bitterness. The first impression taat is apt to strike the mind of a newcomer in connection with the rebellion is, that it is the result of personal enemies; and in common conversation it is often remarked that "Frank Blair is at the head of the movement for the removal of Fremont." It is not probable that this statement is strictly true; and in fact, the warmest friends of Blair protest that it is not true in any sense. But whatever may be the motive or whoever the instigator of the movement, one fact is patent—Gen. Fremont is too popular to be disturbed, and the Administration cannot afford to pick a quarrel with him on any terms. The evidence of that fact may be found in the remarkable unanimity with which the people of the entire North have endorsed Gen. Fremont's recent proclamation, and the belief of the whole country, which amounts to a positive conviction, that Fremont is really the man for the crisis. It is not to be denied that many charges are made against him, although none of them are sufficiently well founded to justify the public in forming a correct judgement.

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ONE OF THE FINE ARTS.

"Murder considered as one of the Fine Arts," is one of De Quincey's most readable essays. Slave catching considered as one of the fine arts, would be an excellent theme, if it were not so melancholy a feature of the times. It is not our purpose to comment or criticise the art as at present practiced, but simply to point out a mathematical rule by which it is governed. The alacrity with which slave catching is followed diminishes in a direct ratio with the distance from Washington, and *vice versa*. The army at and around the Federal capital displays a very keen scent for the business. Hardly a day passes without our hearing of some luckless fugitive being nabbed in his every act of taking a breath of free air. Up in Gen. Banks's column there seems to be very little taste for the business, though there has been something done at it. Down at Fortress Monroe there is absolutely none at all. Out at St. Louis they have actually given freedom to two slaves of rebel masters. And, going still farther from Washington, we hear that the Kansas soldiers have emancipated *twenty-three* of the same sort. This mathematical phenomenon as applied to human action, will not fail to arrest the notice of Mr. Buckle, the profound and learned author of "Civilization in England."

MONEY—CAPITAL—CURRENCY.

There are cogent reasons why the currency question should have a thorough discussion at this time in Illinois. *First:* the transition state of the circulating medium. *Second:* the impending Constitutional Convention, whose duty, and we trust, whose inclination, also, it will be to give the subject a searching investigation. *Third:* the heavy crops of this season, that will be a mine of wealth if permitted to pursue their natural course to market; otherwise a source of embarrassment in the creation of fictitious currency through bank advances of debt, deluding people with imaginary capital, expelling money in the exports, encouraging debt and extravagance in purchases; and creating false prices for land and for products, at which they may be kept, but cannot be sold. *Fourth:* the disturbed condition of the affairs of the nation, requiring the careful husbanding of our national capital and resources.

The Convention, it is to be hoped, will not be stultified with the weak delusion of *price* without *value*, but be able to comprehend that the true policy to be pursued is that which creates the most material wealth—the greatest amount of utility—and not merely a high price for less of it. Two thousand bushels of wheat sold at $1 per bushel bring more reward to labor, and more capital for its further employment, besides clearing the market for further production and business, than 1,000 bushels sold at $1.20. In the former case the State realizes $2,000, in the latter but $1,200. There is no mistake about it, that the latter is the method of crippling industry and its reward, not merely favored, but absolutely compelled by the debt banking system.

It is for the Convention, or more properly for the members before they go into Convention, to inquire:—Is it profitable or desirable for the State to manufacture *currency*, depreciate the local value of *money*, and displace the same? Let them beware of talkers who are not thinkers on this subject. Let them not be hood-winked with prejudice, and led by easy thinking to rely upon the example of England, or New York, or Louisiana, neither of whom has advanced beyond the idea of *security* in currency; neither of whom has found out that the true policy is not to manufacture it, but to buy it by the sale of domestic products, and thus increase the cultivation and real value of land, with the productive business and wealth of the community. The subject needs thinkers; random talkers upon it are abundant everywhere, and nowhere more so than in England, where it seems to be the purpose of legislators and writers, and especially of the leading economists, with the exception of Richard Cobden, to apologise for and support the Bank of England, the mother of the system of promising to pay what cannot be paid because it has no existence.

Among the English Parliamentary debaters on the "commercial distress" always attending the contraction of bank loans, which has afflicted England at various periods even more severely than this country, we find but one reported by Hansard," who seems to have had any clear idea of its nature and cause. Joseph Hume, out of patience with the useless committees appointed upon every such occasion, and with the everlasting documents and twaddle which seem designed not to convey but to conceal ideas upon the subject, said, in the session Dec. 13, 1847:—"The decision of a committee would not alter the general wrong in attempting to carry on a monetary system, which system was based on the bank carrying on its business without capital. The bank, as the first and largest institution, was supposed to discount for other bankers, and the commercial world, when they had not a shilling to do it with—when they had nothing but credit or dealing with deposits. This country was worse off by £250,000,000 in the value of property than it was in the beginning of the year. All the evils which had arisen were owing to having the bank founded on wrong principles."

The *absence of capital* which Mr. Hume refers to in the business of the Bank of England is the *debt currency*, and, the wrong principle, the debt banking—precisely one and the same thing with the absence of capital. The reader will bear in mind that the specie reserves of the bank are deducted from the amount of their demand liabilities to ascertain what constitutes the debt-currency. So far as Illinois maintains a debt-currency of her own creating—a currency that does not command the ownership of capital in other States, she displaces and absolutely destroys so much of her own capital or working wealth. Capital is not the wealth that is merely employed, but that which is put to work for the creation of more; it is that portion of wealth which is applied to the purpose of reproduction. This is what is wanted by Illinois and by the nation, that is not in the debt-currency. On the contrary, it is precisely that which the debt-currency displaces.

Let us take the case of an employing manufacturer, for. example. If Illinois possessed $12,000,000 of gold and silver in her currency in the place of so much debt, she would possess so much more wealth, than she does now; the manufacturer would own his share of it, and so far, the owner and employer of capital being the same individual, he would have no occasion to borrow. Beyond this, however, if he wanted money, he would borrow it directly of the capitalist who had it to lend; but on the present principle nobody possesses it; there is no such capital in the State; and now he takes a note to bank, and borrows another note or a parcel of notes—bank notes—which he delivers to his workmen in lieu of money; but he does not pay them by this act, any more than if he handed them his own notes; and the matter stands thus—he borrows their capital, or their labor capitalized in his commodity, instead of paying them for it, and interposes another and a totally useless debtor between himself and them. They hoard and clothe this debtor sumptuously out of their earnings, and the service they render in return is to arrest and banish every dollar of money as fast as it comes into their hands, whose sole purpose in coming into the country is to liquidate the debt. Thus the laborer loses in exchange for his labor, and the manufacturer by keeping his workmen in debt. The consumption fall of his prom-

less to pay, so that he may enjoy a monopoly of the business of furnishing a medium of exchange, without furnishing any capital in it, charging on his credits, meanwhile, 10 per cent per annum interest as money. Obviously this occupation of the channel of circulation suppresses the productive business that would otherwise reproduce the capital, which would return the money to the circulation and to the resources of the State.

An idea prevails extensively among merchants and practical men, that the banks borrow capital in their notes and credits, and that there is, consequently, capital in the debt currency, although borrowed; but this is not so. It contains neither capital nor value, nor even representative value; for nothing is borrowed in this currency but its counter debt—the one debt representing the other—the two being immaterial equivalents, eating each other up like the Kilkenny cats, and, as to material existence, as much a myth as they. If the legislators and intelligent people of Illinois would add some $12,000,000 of capital, in its most tangible and effective form, to the resources of the State, they can do it by suppressing the fictitious currency, and requiring the banks to borrow existing value by paying interest for it, like honest men in every other department of business.

The obscurity of this subject in popular apprehension appears to arise chiefly from confounding the material value of political economy with the immaterial or ideal value of feeling, thought and expectation, with which political economy has nothing to do. You may have a valuable friend, a valuable idea, and a valuable expectation, without being any richer for the possession. When your friend gives you a horse or a homestead, or your valuable idea is paid for in good gold, or your maiden aunt dies and leaves you her estates, political economy will attend to your case; but while these material blessings are in abeyance, and merely give promise of being yours, they may be golden expectations, but to you they are not wealth. So all the promises of a debt currency are expectations, only more unfounded, for they are based on absolutely nothing; they are not wealth. Wealth and productive power are in capital, not in promises to pay it; and while these promises are accepted in lieu of capital, repelling it as they do dollar for dollar in every instance, it is perfectly obvious that there is so much less capital to borrow, so much less productive power, and so much less wealth in the State.

The Military Position of Cairo and its Surroundings.

For weeks past, the name of Cairo has been in almost every issue of every leading journal in the country. Its strategetic importance in a military point of view is universally acknowledged; but the strength of that position to the army in possession cannot be fully understood without careful study of the topography of its surroundings. Let our readers take the largest and best map at their command, and we will try and give them some idea of the strength and the importance of Cairo as a military post.

The first thing that attracts attention is the extreme southern position of the city. It is the most southerly point in the free States, and is in the latitude of Norfolk, Va., and within less than forty miles of the southern line of Virginia and Kentucky, and it is more than one-third of the way between Chicago and New Orleans. The Illinois Central Railway connects it directly with the entire rail road system of the Northern States. Situated at the confluence of the Mississippi and the Ohio rivers, it is of course accessible by steamer to all the great rivers of that Mississippi Valley, and below Cairo the Mississippi is navigable for the largest steamers the year round. The latitude of the country below Cairo, together with the warm waters of the Tennessee river, which flows, so to speak, up North from the Southern States and enters the Ohio at Paducah, Ky., fifty miles above Cairo, keeps the lower Mississippi free from ice during the coldest winters.

Cairo, when in possession of an army, is especially inaccessible to an opposing foe. The highlands of southern Illinois terminate in Villa Ridge, twelve miles north of Cairo. The belt of country for the next five or six miles south of Villa Ridge, extending very nearly across from the Mississippi to the Ohio, is low and swampy, covered with very heavy cottonwood, cypress, and other timber common to Mississippi bottoms. The Cash river, a deep and navigable stream, after approaching the Mississippi within a mile, runs nearly east through this swamp, and enters the Ohio a short distance below Mound City. The Illinois Central Railway crosses this swamp on a long trestle work, and besides this, if we mistake not, there are but two approaches to Cairo—one by the road on the narrow strip of land between the Cash and the Mississippi, and the other by the road on the banks of the Ohio from Mound City. All these approaches can be defended by a few troops and a battery of artillery against an immensely superior force. The burning of the trestle bridge of the Illinois Central would leave but two points to be defended.

The surface of the ground on which Cairo stands, and from four to five miles north of the town, is ten, and some of it perhaps twenty feet above the swamp described; but still a levee of from five to fifteen feet high surrounds it in order to protect it from inundation at high water. This levee forms an admirable breastwork from behind which field artillery and infantry could do terrible execution upon an approaching enemy, if by any means he had passed the natural obstacles and the military defences placed north of the town, or if he should approach by any steamers on the water. But Fort Defiance on the point at the lower end or the city in which are a sufficient number of sixty-four pounders, mortars, &c., renders it absolutely impossible for a fleet to approach from the Lower Mississippi, the only direction from which danger can be apprehended. The guns in the fort command the Mississippi for three miles below the point, at which an approaching fleet would first come in sight. Opposite Fort Defiance across the Mississippi, is

STAR'S POINT.

Here is the large farm of Col. Bird, now fully occupied for military purposes. A small breastwork was at first thrown up near the river; but this is included in a much larger fort now rapidly approaching completion. It mounts a large number of very heavy guns, and the wide cleared space they command renders the approach of a large army almost impossible.

At high water nearly the entire farm is overflowed. The country in the rear is about as impassible as that back of Cairo. A large slough leaves the Mississippi directly below Price's landing, twenty-five miles above Bird's Point. A part of it returns to the Mississippi a short distance above the Point, but the larger portion spreads itself out and enters the Mississippi above and below Belmont, opposite Columbus, twenty miles below Cairo. The Cairo and Fulton railroad crosses this slough on a high trestle work. Bird's Point has but two roads leading to it. One from Charleston, sixty miles west—but twelve on the line of the railroad—and one up the bank of the river from Belmont. Both of these roads are very easily rendered impassible for an army by the destruction of bridges and filling the heavy timbers of the bottoms across them, so that the surprise and the taking of Bird's Point, except by regular approaches and an overwhelming force is well nigh a military impossibility. The heavy guns from Fort Defiance can very easily throw shell over the works at the Point into the woods that surround the farm of Col. Bird, on all save the river side. Norfolk, four miles below Bird's Point, is occupied by Col. Oglesby, with several regiments who, if forced to fall back, could throw obstructions in the road that would delay the enemy for several hours, and perhaps days, enabling the commander to concentrate all the available forces in and about Cairo behind the entrenchment at Bird's Point. The enemy know all this full well, and hence though their threats have been frequent and loud, they have not yet and probably will not venture an attack. About a mile below Cairo on the Kentucky shore is

PORT HOLT.

The Generals in command at Cairo have kept a close watch upon this point all summer, but they did not occupy it till the rebels had taken possession of Columbus, twenty miles below. So thoroughly were all things ready, that though the point was first taken a week ago last Sunday, by Saturday the fort was ready for the enemy. The bank on which it stands is high, but is overflowed to the depth of from three to eight feet at high water. The ground gradually falls off from the bank of the river, and for the distance of from three to seven miles, it is low and swampy, and filled with long, narrow, moss-draped sloughs and lakes, and impassible for an army. A few miles below Fort Holt the outlet from these sloughs enters the Mississippi, and the crossing can be so obstructed and defended that the approach of an army is almost impossible. In fact, the entire country around Cairo for many miles, is low and composed entirely of the fine sediment brought down by the great rivers that mingle their waters here; and at all seasons except long continued dry weather, the rich alluvial soil forms a sea of mud of unfathomable depth, across which no prudent General would think of marching an army. The only remaining approach is by river, and the forts and gunboats interpose resistless obstacles to any such movement. Hence, though Gen. Polk has had a well appointed army of 20,000 men within a day's march, on a good road, of Cairo and Bird's Point, he has manifested no disposition to risk an attack. Two other points deserve notice in this connection: The first is

MOUND CITY,

six miles above Cairo, on the Illinois shore. The road from the opposite side, in Kentucky, is said to be passably good, and fears have been entertained lest the enemy should by this route throw a column across the Ohio, in the rear of Cairo. Col. Lawler's regiment has been stationed for many weeks at Mound City, and should the enemy attempt say such movement, Cairo is so near, that before he could gain a position in Illinois, he would be sure to be utterly annihilated. The other point referred to is

PADUCAH, KENTUCKY,

fifty miles above Cairo. At this place, the Tennessee river, navigable for hundreds of miles, and flowing directly north from northern Alabama and Mississippi, enters the Ohio. A railway also connects it with all the railways of the South. As soon as Gen. Polk, with his army of rebels, arrived at Columbus, the terminus of the Mobile and Ohio railroad, Gen. Grant took possession of Paducah. It is only forty-seven miles from Columbus to Paducah—a distance that can be made in two days by any army, over a good road, and such it is; and had Gen. Polk at once marched on Paducah without halting at Columbus, he would have kept Gen. Grant and his steamers decidedly "active" in order to get an army there of sufficient strength to repel him. The golden days were lost and Gen. Smith is now in readiness to give him a warm reception. Should Polk march on Paducah, his movement would at once be known and before he could get there, the fleet of stea ners at Cairo could take up an abundance of troops to drive him back in hot haste to the land of Dixie whence he came.

Next to Cairo it is plain that Paducah is the most important strategetic point that has been taken in the Mississippi valley. By the railway alone, as proved by the freight books now in possession of our officers, from one to five car loads of flour and as many of bacon, have daily gone South for the last two months. Other military stores, ammunition, equipments and clothing, have gone forward to the full extent of the capacity of the road. In addition to this the steamers on the Tennessee river have been most actively employed and the only misfortune is that the rebels did not invade the neutrality of Kentucky months ago; that this large and infamous traffic might have been stopped at a much earlier day.

A careful reading of the above article, with the advantages of a map, will show why the rebels have failed to attack Cairo and Bird's Point, and why the early occupation of them by the troops of Illinois was one of the most important movements that has been made during the progress of this causeless and wicked rebellion.

Gen. Shields' Irish Brigade

Permanent quarters for the Irish Brigade, during its formation, have been allowed at Fort Schuyler, in New York harbor, and recruiting for the corps has begun in earnest in the Eastern cities. Indeed, this brigade absorbs nearly all the activity and interest in enlistments on the east coast. It is believed that the five regiments, notwithstanding the recent plan of the Government to place the organization of volunteer corps in the control of the States, will be allowed to form at Fort Schuyler. The proposed officers of the brigade are, so far, as follows: Brigadier General Shields commanding; First regiment (New York), Colonel Nugent, formerly Lieutenant Colonel of the Sixty-ninth; Second regiment (Philadelphia), Colonel Garrett Dunn; Third regiment (Boston), Colonel Murphay; Fourth regiment (New York), Colonel T. F. Meagher. The details concerning the orgsanization of the Fifth have not been perfected. The officers believe the prospect of completing the organization, though general recruiting is not active, to be very good. They depend upon the patriotism and warlike spirit of their countrymen to insure its success.

The Forces at Chest Mountain.

The position of Gen. Reynolds, at Chest Mountain, is imperilled by some 20,000 rebel troops under Gen. Lee, and although our forces are well entrenched, and in a high state of efficiency, the Governors of Ohio and Indiana have been called upon to forward more troops as rapidly as possible. Two Indiana regiments—the 7th, Col. Dumont, and the 9th, Col. Milroy, both re-organized from the three [months' service, are now on the way, and Ohio has three regiments that will be (if they have not been) started forward. Gen. Reynolds has 9,000 men under his command, and the present position of affairs in that quarter will render of interest any statement of the locality of the forces. At Beverly, are the 1st Virginia and the 6th Ohio, with companies of the latter at Leadsville and other places along the road to Grafton, to keep open connection. Huttonsville is the next station South, and is the headquarters and the post office address of all the troops in this brigade. There are two regiments at Huttonsville—the 13th and 17th Indiana. From this point (Huttonsville) roads lead towards Huntersville, following the Elkwater river, and also towards Staunton, across the mountains. At Elkwater, on the road to Huntersville, and the 3d Ohio and 15th Indiana in a fortified camp, with serviceable artillery. Eighteen miles from Elkwater are 6,000 rebel troops under Col. Lohring. On the other road from Huttonville, leading across Chest Mountain to Staunton, and on the summit of the mountain, is "Fort Gilbert," commanding the Chest Mountain pass. The fort is named in honor of Col. Gilbert of the 24th Ohio, its engineer, and is quite a formidable work. Its cannon command the approaches for over a mile. At the base of Chest Mountain is another fortified camp, supplied with Parrott rifled guns. The garrison of Chest Mountain is composed of the 24th and 25th Ohio, and the 14th Indiana. Fifteen miles from fort Gilbert are the headquarters of Gen. Lee, whose command numbers 20,000 men. The fortified camps at Cheat Mountain and Elkwater, are only seven miles distant, and the force is arranged for the greatest strategetic effect.

Martin H. Cassell.

A letter in the *Mail Journal* from Hunnewell, Mo., Sept. 11, says: "We learn that Green's force has Mart. Cassell a prisoner. We have made every effort for his release, and expect him to be at liberty in a few days. He was taken out of the stage while on his way to Mexico from Paris, where he had been with a strong force to take money from the banks; and after taking the money, he very imprudently attempted to return by stage, and had not ridden far when he was arrested and taken to Green's camp."

☞ Considerable difficulty seems to have arisen between the U. S. Marshal of New York, and the Surveyor of the port, as to the construction to be put upon the acts of Congress providing for the confiscation of property owned in the South, and under which acts, some $14,000,000 have already been seized. There are two acts upon the subject, which bear the unmistakable marks of party legislation, as in some respects they conflict with each other. The Marshal holds that informers against this property may half the proceeds with the Government, and since the seizures many persons have come forward and made this "information," in hopes to profit by it. The Surveyor, on the other hand, holds that the entire interest belongs to the Government, and no informer or other person shall share in the profits of the operation. A judicial decision will soon settle the question, and to this both parties are hastening.

MAINE ELECTION.—The *Portland Advertiser* of Friday has returns from 372 towns, which show the following result:

1861.		1860.	
Washburn	46,262	Washburn	51,128
Jameson	17,731	Smart	29,903
Dana	14,264	Barnes	1,961
Total vote	78,416	Total vote	86,327

Washburn's majority over both is 14,750 this year, against 14,999 last year. The entire vote has fallen off 7,841, of which the Republicans lose 4,765, and the Democrats 3,046. The Republican majority is relatively higher this year than last, as the reduction in the vote is nine per cent, while Washburn's majority is reduced only five per cent.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

THE POPULAR FEELING IN REGARD TO FREMONT.

[Extract from a Private Letter dated Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1861.]

At the book stores and hotels, and all places of concourse, our people are much indignant at the idea of Fremont's being superseded or compelled to resign his command. It is regarded as more than a Bull Run defeat, if the thing is done. It will make the Administration tenfold more unpopular, with every prospect of having a good chance to resort to impressment to fill up the army, and confiscation to fill the Treasury.

Nothing could be more disastrous, and all the more so, if it is understood that Fremont's emancipation clause is the objection. It is to be hoped that the later report is the true one, viz: That Fremont is sustained by the Cabinet.

I have no doubt that Kentucky is taking her late sensible action for fear her slaves will be "free men" if she accepts secession. The fate of the war and of our Nation is here regarded as hanging upon the very measure the Pathfinder has inaugurated.

MAJOR SLEMMER'S OUTRAGEOUS PROCEEDINGS.

Editors Chicago Tribune:

I am no statesman, but would it not be *wise*, under the present aspect of affairs, to suggest to the General Government the propriety of resuscitating by galvanic or other means the corpses of the rebels whose lives lately found the just penalty at the hands of Maj. Slemmer.

Justice and the necessities of war of course demanded their death, but *that there was no law for it*, and the punishment was *too* severe, and ill accords with the temper of the Government, as shown in its late act in regard to the proclamation of Gen. Fremont. Let us have reason in all things, and at this time less circumlocution. If rebels and traitors are to be served with "sugar coated pills" instead of our grape shot, why, the sooner those who are lending our means towards the construction of the latter are informed of the fact, the better. Yours truly,

A SUBSCRIBER.

Chicago, Sept. 17, 1861.

Fremont's Circular for Ambitious Young Men.

The headquarters of Major General Fremont are flooded daily with written applications for military appointments. Beardless youths, fail of martial ardor and a desire to win renown by leading a host of warriors to victory or death, on the cool and easy terms set forth in their supplications in four page epistles, calculated to present their claims to rank and promotion in most convincing terms. All such applicants will hereafter be answered by the following circular from headquarters:

SIR: Your application for a commission in the volunteer army of this department has been considered by the Commanding General. He instructs me to say that officers cannot be appointed who have not had such experience in military matters as will enable them to take charge of men in the field of battle. In view of the very limited opportunities the people at large in the United States have had for the acquirement of a thorough military education. It follows necessarily that some school of instruction must be adopted to remedy this omission. As one step toward this the Commanding General has ordered the enlistment of a regiment of infantry, to be under the command of Col. Marshal, an officer of large experience in the United States army, and Lieut. Cassily, also a gentleman of excellent qualifications as a commander. It is the design of the Commanding General to make the regiment a school of instruction from which can be drawn, as the exigencies of the service demand, officers for the field and for companies. Expecting that this regiment will be used for the highest class of service wherein distinction can be won by those only who possess the requisite merit, it is thought that it will afford rare opportunities for gentlemen who, like yourself, desire early advancement in the service. The eye of the Commanding General will be upon you, and your conduct will not escape his close observation. He designs to make the regiment, in his army, what Napoleon the elder made the Old Guard in the French army, at once his reserve force and the source whence can be drawn the officers who will lead his troops to victory. He therefore invites you to join this regiment, that you may have an opportunity to serve your country and secure such promotion as your merits will warrant.

Asking for bread and getting a boulder is nothing compared with asking for a commission and getting such a thing as the above.

Berdan's Sharp-shooters.

New Hampshire has furnished her company to Berdan's regiment, commanded by Capt. A. B. Jones, and composed of one hundred men whose average is a string of thirty inches for the ten shots—the maximum allowed being fifty inches. Capt. Jones has just graduated from college, and as a "shot" he rivals Berdan himself, making the ten shots inside of seven inches for the whole. There were 250 men offering themselves who passed the test, and the hundred were chosen from among the best of them. They are probably the best company in the regiment. The Vermont company is also on its way to the seat of war.

Money Stolen.

The following sums were in the different depositories and subtreasuries of the United States in the seceded States at the time those States rebelled, and were stolen from the Government:

	Male Population between 18 and 45.	Troops.
New Orleans		$395,494
Richmond		14,097
Norfolk		11,795
Wilmington, N. C.		6,088
Savannah		4,674
Mobile	16,000	10,305
Nashville	75,000	4,880
Charleston	18,000	2,811
Norfolk	71,000	1,413
Little Rock, Ark.	138,000	90,180
Tallahassee, Fla.	167,000	35,000
Charlotte, N. C. (branch mint)	44,000	31,000
Dahlonega, Ga., (branch mint)	221,000	60,000
South Carolina	60,000	15,000
Total seceded States	1,116,000	251,100

Add to the number the rebel troops from three of the non-seceded slave States:—

Missouri	20,000
Kentucky	5,000
Maryland	3,000
Total	28,000

—And we have a grand total of 279,100 soldiers in the service of the bogus Confederacy, or about one-fifth of the male population of the seceded States—Missouri, Kentucky and Maryland not counted.

The Stars and Stripes in Russia.

A lady of this city, (says the N. Y. *Evening Post*,) writing last May to a young Russian nobleman residing at Moscow, used letter paper and envelope which were stamped with a beautiful design of the American flag. The following extract from his reply shows how the Stars and Stripes are regarded in Russia:

"Moscow, Russia, July 31, 1861.

"We have had lately a *fête champetre* at one of our country seats. In the evening the parks were illuminated and brilliant fireworks were displayed, but even the slight might be made as bright as possible. I speak to you of this festival that I may prove to you the high esteem in which we have for the American flag—your flag. The fact is that the little boats which formed a regatta on the lake were all ornamented with your flag, for the exquisite model of which we were indebted to your charming letter. The flag was greeted with demonstrations of respect and delight."

John A Logan Done with Compromise.

The Crawford (Ill.) *Bulletin*, speaking of the revolutionized sentiment in Egypt in favor of the war, and particularly of Col. John A. Logan's regiment, says:

Logan declares that he and other compromising men in Congress met in a secret conclave, and determined to make a last effort. *They sent Maj. Richmond* to ascertain if the Southern States would entertain, accept or offer any compromise. No compromise could be agreed upon, they utterly refusing, *even though a blank sheet of paper be given them, to write their own terms.* Logan declares their intention is to fight, and calls upon all Democrats to rally around the old flag, and thwart them in their diabolical efforts to destroy the Government.

ILLINOIS MILITARY MATTERS.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR.—Julius Raith, colonel, and Adolphus Engleman lieutenant colonel, of the 42d regiment.

Fletcher H. Chaseman, captain; John M. Johnson, 1st lieutenant; James M. Edson, 2d lieutenant, of light artillery.

Frank B. Mansfield, adjutant 39th regiment.

Jasper M. Dresser, captain; J. P. Timmonsy 1st lieutenant; G. J. Davis, 2d lieutenant, 1st artillery in General McClernand's brigade.

John L. Teed, surgeon 38th regiment.

George W. Peck, lieutenant colonel of 21st regiment, vice J. W. S. Alexander promoted.

Charles Ratton, chaplain of 20th regiment.

J. B. Cutts, surgeon of 2d cavalry.

YATES SHARP SHOOTERS.—Major D. E. Williams of Peoria, has been authorized by the War Department and Gov. Yates to organize a battallion of Sharp Shooters of four hundred men for the war. Recruits will be required to submit to a liberal test of skill in rifle shooting. All recruits will be furnished with passes on the cars to Camp Butler, where they will be immediately uniformed, put at drill under a competent officer and subsisted until mustered into active service. We understand the battallion is rapidly filling up with picked men. It will be furnished with the best arms in the service.

A GENEROUS PATRIOT.—The Lebanon (Pa.) *Courier* says that the following notice is posted throughout the county:

I hereby promise to advance the sum of five dollars cash to each able bodied man, who in consequence of the prostration of business, has or may be thrown out of employment under the U. S. W. Coleman, who shall enlist in the service of the United States during the war; and an additional sum of five dollars per month to each soldier during his continuance in such service; and in case of death in the service, I will pay the said sum of five dollars per month to the family of the deceased during the continuance of the war.

ANY person accepting service under this proposition, will leave an order with his family to receive the monthly payments above referred to.

All applications to be made to Mr. Wilhelm, at Cornwall Furnace.

[Sign ed] R. W. COLEMAN.

Cornwall, July 24, 1861.

Mr. Coleman, it is said, employed a large number of men, who were thrown out of employment by the war, and he evinced his generous patriotism by the above liberal offer.

FROM ROLLA.

The Forces at Salem—The Fort at Rolla—The Health of the Troops—Incidents of the Battle of Wilson's Spring.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

CAMP ROLLA, Sept. 15, 1861.

In my account of the Salem expedition, I left off before our forces reached there.

Capt. Stanley found that he could do nothing immediately at Salem, and as he was ordered to St. Louis, he started on his return to Rolla the same day, and met the infantry and camped with them that night. He advised them to proceed to Salem and hold the place, and organize scouting parties of the remaining cavalry, (McFall, Bowers, and Ing's) in all 150 strong, and they did so, the command being now in the hands of Capt. Littlefield, of the 14th Illinois. This force will most probably hold Salem until relieved by a regiment which is expected from St. Louis. Salem, as a strategic point, is considered very important, and the Union inhabitants will do almost anything for the comfort of our soldiers. Such supplies as were necessary were sent to them yesterday.

Capt. Stanley's regulars and Totten's battery, did not get away until yesterday morning, and two more companies arrived to take the place of Capt. Totten's battery. I failed to learn who they were. Another regiment is also expected to come from St. Louis, to be stationed on the railroad at some point below here, as it is one of the first importance to keep the "bridge burners" from doing mischief, and "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

I must say a few words about the grand battery being constructed near our camp. It is on a hill about half a mile south-west of our camp. The hill commands a view of many miles in every direction, and the works, when finished, will be immensely strong. It is exactly square, the lines running east, west, north and south. The wall will be about 7 feet high, and 18 or 20 feet thick, enclosing a space about 130 feet square. Outside will be a ditch, or moat, running round the whole fort, 16 feet wide and 6 feet deep. The walls are of earth and timber, and the outside to be faced with large timbers; and the inside will be at all times ready to receive company, four immense hardware institutions, 10 feet long, and 6 feet in circumference at the breech, and carrying an iron argument weighing 32 lbs., and of a moral weight infinitely greater, being present. When these fellows get to looking over the walls, and backed by batteries of smaller cannon on every commanding eminence in every direction, the rebels can have a chance to reap glory enough to satisfy the hungriest of them.

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Capt. Gardner, of Company H, returned to camp last night, from a visit home. He is accompanied by his wife and little girl.

The health of the regiment remains good, and we hope to escape any serious disease, but may be troubled a little by the ague and other bilious complaints.

A good many of the soldiers that were in the battle at Wilson's Springs, are yet among us, many of them wounded and waiting to recover from their wounds before leaving here for home, or to join their own or other regiments. Many incidents of personal bravery, coolness and daring, are told that will never find their way into print, that would be very interesting to read, but the unwritten history of a campaign must soon be lost, because, although it would be intensely interesting, the listeners in a few years forgotten, or the actors fall on the battle field, or soon die. I cannot refrain from penning down a story that I heard from a Captain who was in the fight: He observed one of his men who was stretched on the field by a ball that had shattered his leg, crawling on his hands and his sin, and hobble a little distance, and appear to be pouncing something on the ground, as if his wounds couldn't be attended to. After a little while the Captain, thinking that it must be something very unusual to make a man exert himself so when his leg was in a condition to need amputation, went up and asked him what he had been doing. It appears that there was a wounded "secesh" very near the Yankee, and in very nearly the same condition, but, observing the wounded Union man, he began to taunt him with cowardice, saying, "Ah, you d—d white livered Yankee! you thought a couldn't fight didn't you? What do you think now?" This was too much for the loyal Yankee, and he raised himself by the greatest exertion, managed to reach the traitor, deliberately beat out the brains of the rebel, and then hobbled back and laid down again. The Captain went to where the man lay and found that his man had clubbed his gun, and with the stock had smashed the head of the rebel, killing him on the spot.

The men are in fine spirits and would like nothing better than to get a chance to prove that they are entitled to the name of the bloody 13th. KNAPSACK.

The Rebel Force.

[From the New York Herald, 16th.]

The number of troops which the rebel Confederacy has in the field, according to our idea has been over estimated from the starting of the first rumors of a contemplated attack on Washington. It is true that since the battle of Manassas large additions have been made to their respective forces, and it is also true that many companies have been withdrawn to strengthen the coast defences, and that some ten or twelve thousand are now lying in the hospitals prostrated by disease. We have prepared and given below a table of their estimated strength, which, we think, is calculated upon a liberal basis. The estimate puts in the field one in every four of the men in each seceded State, but even the ages of eighteen and forty five, except the States of Georgia and North Carolina, from which we have official returns of the exact numbers, which show that those two States have less than one in six of their respective male populations between eighteen and forty-five years of age, at present in service:—

	Male Population between 18 and 45.	Troops.
Alabama	108,000	20,000
Arkansas	60,000	10,000
Florida	16,000	4,000
Mobile	176,000	19,160
Louisiana	75,000	18,700
Mississippi	71,000	18,000
North Carolina	138,000	90,180
Tennessee	167,000	35,000
Texas	44,000	21,000
Virginia	221,000	60,000
South Carolina	60,000	15,000
Total seceded States	1,116,000	251,100

Add to the number the rebel troops from three of the non-seceded slave States:—

Missouri	20,000
Kentucky	5,000
Maryland	3,000
Total	28,000

—And we have a grand total of 279,100 soldiers in the service of the bogus Confederacy, or about one-fifth of the male population of the seceded States—Missouri, Kentucky and Maryland not counted.

[We think that the *Herald's* estimate of the border slave States too low by half. Missouri has in the field at least 40,000 rebels, Kentucky 10,000, and Maryland 8,000. Making these additions and the total is 309,100, which is doubtless nearer the truth.]

"Forward to Washington."

This is the cry that now comes up from the Southern people to vex the commander of their army on the Potomac. The Richmond correspondent of the Savannah *News* writing under date of August 27:

The chief topic of conversation here is the inactivity of the army. Much criticism has been passed upon Gen. Beauregard and those who are believed to direct the movements of the army, more particularly respecting his failure to occupy or destroy Washington city. Congress called for information on this point, and the President referred the inquiry to Gen. Beauregard, who, in answer, placed the blame where it really belonged. He had been for weeks almost beseeching the War Department to supply him with the materiel needful to carry on the war—men, ammunition, provisions, wagons; but the Quartermaster's and Commissariat Departments being in incompetent hands, the day of battle came and found our generals without the means of carrying the army forward.

Quite an acrimonious debate sprung up in the House upon the reading of this answer, in which Messrs. Miles and Chestnut, of South Carolina, who had been on the staff of Gen. Beauregard at Manassas, and had supported him in a most gallant manner during that eventful day, found it necessary to vindicate their great chief from the aspersions which certain members were disposed to throw out against his military reputation. Since the 21st of July many circumstances have combined to keep our troops in a stationary position. Rain has fallen in great quantities, and almost incessantly, rendering the roads impassable for heavy wagon transportation and the marching of large bodies of troops, and there has been a great deal of sickness among our soldiers—probably sixty per cent more at this time unfit for duty. Our generals, however, have been strengthened by new accessions almost every day, and the railroads continue to transport every day fresh troops.

Also, the correspondent of the Charleston *Mercury*, writing from the seat of war, Aug. 29, says:

Our men are becoming impatient; the winter is approaching, and we might as well take up our winter quarters at Manassas as anywhere else. So you need not feel too much surprised if we dash across the Potomac some fine morning and drive the enemy out of his comfortable entrenchments on the other side.

THE REBEL FORCE IN TENNESSEE.—A Memphis correspondent of the London (Va.) *Telegraph* says there are over 60,000 troops in Tennessee alone, whom he enumerates as follows:

At Greenville, (Tenn.) the residence of Senator Johnson, where the Union element is still sleeping, are bivouacked 5,000 men. At Knoxville, where the celebrated Parson Brownlow resides (Lincoln man) are 5,000 men, at Jonesboro, Carter's Depot, 4,000. At Cumberland Gap, 3,000. On the railway between Nashville and Louisville, near the State lines, are two encampments of 6,000 each, in and about Memphis 5,000. Brandsdeth 1,000. Trenton 3,000. Union City 14,000, Randolph, on the Mississippi River, 6,000, Fort Pillow, 1,500, Fort Harris 1,000. On the Tennessee line on the Memphis and Louisville railways are 8,000 Kentuckians, and 5,000 at Cumberland Gap, to intercept Johnson, who is organizing a force to rescue East Tennessee, he says, from military despotism.

Afternoon Dispatches.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Lieut. Col. Atwood of the 6th Wisconsin Volunteers, was honorably discharged from service to day in consequence of physical disability to endure the fatigues of camp life. His retirement is universally regretted by the regiment, for he was an able officer in the volunteer service.

The following Colonels have been appointed to take command of the Kentucky Infantry and Cavalry Regiments: Thos. J. Bramlette, 1st Infantry; S. S. Fry, 2d Infantry; S. T. Down, 3d Infantry; Frank Wolford, 1st Cavalry.

While the United States are doing the best they can under the rules of war, to take care of and protect the health of rebel prisoners now in their possession, Jeff. Davis, or Beauregard, or Johnston, or all of them, have sent our prisoners to Castle Pinckney, the nearest fort to Charleston, South Carolina, where fever prevails extensively at this season of the year. If our officers confined as prisoners in Castle Pinckney survive the present season, will be contrary to the well known theory of Southern rule, for they have always asserted as a reason why slave labor must be employed, that Northerners could not surv

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☞ See advertisement of barkeeper wanting a situation.

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PRESENTATION.—A presentation of a sword and belt from Col. Light of the Ystes Phalanx will take place at drum parade at their camp at 5 P. M. to-day.

WALSH.—Harper's Magazine for October and a new novel by Mrs. Southworth entitled the "Gipsey's Prophecy" have been received by Walsh, corner Madison street and Custom House Place.

SEVERE ACCIDENT.—A man named Haskell was injured very severely yesterday, by falling from the sidewalk on Madison, near Lasalle street. His head was so badly injured that his recovery is pronounced doubtful.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND.—We are authorized to announce that Rev. W. C. Van Meter will arrive at the Matteson House this evening at 7½ o'clock, and leave for Galesburg to-morrow morning.

STOLEN.—A pair of valuable horses were stolen from the stables of Charles Crane, Esq., at Evanston a few nights since; also a trooper's saddle, bridle and martingale from another party at the same place.

THE STATE FAIR POLICE COURT.—The Police Court which has been in session at the State Fair grounds for the past week, received $138 in fines, assessed in forty cases, the most of them trivial. The Court was the most profitable institution in the neighborhood.

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PERSONAL.—Hon. J. D. Caton, Ill.; Dr. O. Martin, Surgeon General, of Hunter's Staff: Capt. E F. Townsend, Col. W. Gresnel, U. S. Army; Lieut. R. A. Krapp, U. S. Navy; D. O. Weathers, soon and family, New York; L. S. Hubbard and lady, Sandusky; L. J. Papin and family, St. Louis, are stopping at the Tremont House.

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Enough was, however, offered to make a most interesting afternoon's exhibition to the many who were present yesterday at Lake Shore Park, at the foot of Peck Court, where a trial and examination took place under the auspices of the Committee chosen by the officers of the State Fair. The Committe were Col. Austin Light, of the Ystes Phalanx, A. C. Stedman, Esq., Perry H. Smith, Vice President of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and Capt. Cottig, formerly of the Prussian Artillery service.

The list of arms submitted to the Committee was not large but was select, and composed several entries of arms of a notable character. These were:

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Norman B. Wiard has a name to live among inventors, even if his "Iron Scout" never runs her length on the winter bound surface of the Mississippi. He has put in service the beautiful arm tested yesterday.

The gun in question is a six-pounder—one of a battery of four similar and two twelve pound pieces, ordered by General Fremont, with carriages and caissons complete, at a cost of $21,000. The order was given only after the most rigid tests under experienced officers had proved the piece, in principle and construction, to be a most valuable acquisition to the Artillery service.

It is made of an ingot of American cast steel. It weighs 700 pounds, or a little less than the average weight of common six pound pieces. The breech is rounded, and without ridge or ring, thus bearing an equal and safe expansion of the metal when heated. The diameter at breech is ten inches, with a calibre of two and six-tenths inches, and bore "18 calibres," or about 48 inches. The rifling is the "gain twist" commencing at zero and ending "one turn in nine feet." There are eight "lands," and eight grooves, and of these there are to be twelve in the larger guns. The sights are fixed, and to the battery belongs a powerful spy-glass to be attached to the gun in firing at long distances.

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The common throws both round shot and shell, all of a conical shape, and also for the first time successfully in rifled guns, canister shot, and all equally well. A peculiarity exists both in the wheels and carriage, which have won the highest encomium of artillery officers. The wheels are built up by wedge and screws, in such a manner that no shrinkage of the wood can loosen the metal.

But we have not the space to do full justice to all the features of this gun, the crowning advantages of which is that it is fire times as strong as ordinary guns. The test yesterday, conducted by H. L. Stuart of New York, in charge of the gun, was simply firing a few rounds over the lake, to show the range of the piece.

A full battery of these beautiful guns will probably be ordered, if indeed they are not already, by the State of Illinois, and our prairie boys will man them well and adequately.

PAINE'S BREECH-LOADING CANNON.

Mr. R. S. Paine, of this city, is a brother of the more noted member of his family, of Water-Gun memory, of Worcester, Mass. His gun was a four-pound piece, mounted on a plain substantial carriage, named, by the way, "Spirit of '76." The gun is similar in shape to ordinary field pieces, has near the breech an opening, at the top about three inches square, passing through it vertically. A solid piece of iron, fitted with a ring at the top, is let down this opening and closes the bore, being held firmly against it by a massive screw, moved horizontally through the breech. This screw itself is traversed by an opening coinciding with the bore of the gun, and through which the cartridge is put in, the breech piece being removed. The gun is discharged by a cap and priming in the breech piece.

The gun thus imperfectly described was made at 64 North Dearborn street. It was fired several times yesterday, using conical shot. It is hastily gotten up to show a principle the inventor claims may be attached to guns of any size and style, either rifled or smooth bore. We shall not pretend to give a very learned opinion of the gun, when we express our fear lest rigid tests would show that the metal was seriously weakened, and unprepared to resist strain at the breech. It may prove otherwise, and we shall hope the best for the honor and emolument of its Chicago inventor.

THE BREECH-LOADING RIFLES.

The three beautiful rifles above named were successfully examined and displayed by those having them in charge. They all use the now common percussion cartridge, of which the Spencer Rifle "spit out" eight in twenty-five seconds, and the Henry's Repeating Rifle fifteen in a like space of time, or about as fast as a man may twice crook his finger. The third Frank Wesson's Breech-Loading Carbine, was also much admired. We cannot enter into any description of these arms.

Chicago Manufacturers at the Fair.

Our manufacturers were only slightly represented at the State Fair, but the exceptions make up a highly creditable display in quality at least. H. Willetz, from the carriage manufactory on the corner of Twelfth and State streets, had on exhibition several elegant buggies, that would do credit to any manufacturer east of New York. Mr. Willetz has been for several years known to our citizens for the excellence of his work. He uses only the choicest of eastern woods, and his style and finish has now who surpass him. At least this was the verdict at the Fair.

And in the same connection it deserves to be stated that John H. Kline, the veteran carriage builder was also well represented from his works No. 55 North Jefferson street. In carriages it was abundantly demonstrated that at no one need go out of Chicago to procure vehicles of the best class.

Col. Farnsworth's Cavalry Regiment.

Capt. Webb, U. S. A. and Colonel elect of the Douglas Brigade of this city, goes to St. Charles this morning to muster into service Col. Farnsworth's Cavalry Regiment at that place. This regiment is new nearly full and will next week be off for Washington. It is generous for the elder sister common wealths of the East to thus place such implicit confidence in the arms and men of the West, and Pennsylvania never needed "protection" more than now, when her people are too busy with army contracts, themselves to furnish troops for the army of the Union. The West is generous and her people patriotic, and if the Eastern supply falls short our boys will go as willingly to the Potomac as to Memphis.

The New Regulation Cavalry Saddle.

When the Crimean Commission of our Army officers returned to this country, Gen. McClellan brought with him, among other objects that had attracted his attention, a saddle tree in use among the Russian cavalry, and it has become strictly the regulation saddle. The large demand for cavalry outfit, however, will not encourage or permit much restriction as to styles, and there is a large demand for all descriptions, as attested by the pressure upon saddles and saddlery stock throughout the North. Within the past two weeks a large order for saddles was given by Capt. Boerlin's company of one hundred men arrived from Rock Island on Sunday, and Capt. Beall's company of eighty men from Valparaiso Indiana, on Monday. They were mustered into the service immediately.

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TRAVEL TO THE UPPER MISSOURI.—An Omaha City paper reports all Eastern travel by the way of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad for the past ten days and still wholly suspended. Their only route to the East now is across the State of Iowa by stage, which gives crowded stages to the Western Stage Company. This must eventually be the great route East. Always open and as reliable. The time now from Council Bluffs across the river from Omaha, to the railroad terminal, Eddyville & Burlington, is 48 hours, and less than three days to Chicago.

CORNHILL MAGAZINE AND TEMPLE BAR for September, Harper for October, and Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth's new romance, the "Gipsey's Prophecy," together with a new supply of "The House on the Moor," by the author of "Margaret Maitland;" "Two Days of My Life," and the "Laird of Norlaw," has just been received at and is for sale by McNally & Co., 81 Dearborn street. Also, a fresh supply of Cavalry Tactics, printed by order of the War Department, has just been received and will be found on his counter to-day.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Captain Yeager's company of the Kansas Brigade desire to acknowledge a timely donation of a 150 needle books from the ladies of the Liberty street Mission School, and also a splendid sash from Messrs. Cobb & Dresher, of the Maine Bank. The boys are highly pleased at this evidence of being remembered at home and will not soon forget the ladies who have so kindly cared for them.

Lieutenant Gregory, formerly of Ellsworths original Zouaves, holds a 1st Lieutenancy in this company. We only copy from his letter when we add that the Lieutenant would be happy to hear from such friends as Messrs. Cobb & Dresher.

COL. BRACKETT'S CAVALRY REGIMENT.—This fine regiment is now in camp at Cottage Grove, where they went into quarters on Sunday last, christening the same Camp Fremont. There are now about two hundred men and more arriving daily. Their outfit, spoken of elsewhere is going forward in excellent hands.

Col. Brackett desires us to correct an impression that has got abroad, and works to retard the enlistment of recruits, the idea that his is a regiment in the Regular service. This is not so. It is on precisely on the same footing as the other volunteer cavalry regiments. It is finely officered and will make itself felt, be service. It is rapidly filling up with excellent men from Illinois, Indiana and Michigan Capt. Burche's company of one hundred men arrived from Rock Island on Sunday, and Capt. Beall's company of eighty men from Valparaiso Indiana, on Monday. They were mustered into the service immediately.

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A SADDENING CALAMITY.—The many readers of the TRIBUNE who have remembered with pleasure the graceful Gale Sisters, long familiar to the audiences at McVickers, will be saddened and shocked by the details in another column of this issue of the fearful and fatal accident that has made them its victims.

THE UNITED STATES MILITARY PACKETS.—We call the attention of our readers to the United States Military Packet, for sale by Norris & Hyde, 102 Madison street and 100 Dearborn street. Each contains the finest and most costly package of stationery ever offered in this form. To be had at Norris & Hyde's, 102 Madison street and 100 Dearborn street.

AT THE SHERMAN.—Sir James Fergurson, Robert Rourke, England; H. B. Wheeler, Esq., Boston; W. Warren, Esq., Cincinnati; H. B. Hopkins, Peoria; John F. Henderson, Esq., Glasgow; Major Helmuth, Prussia; U. Brooks, Esq., Philadelphia; Hon. B. Williamson, New Jersey; John Wise, Esq., Philadelphia, and L. A. Elder, Esq., Boston, are among the arrivals at the Sherman House.

THE SEVENTH OF WISCONSIN.—The Seventh Wisconsin Regiment will leave their camp at Madison on Thursday or Friday, and the same evening pass through this city en route for Washington. They are said to be a splendid body of men, many of them from the pineries, and averaging in weight 155½ pounds. Col. Van Dorn, an old Hungarian officer, commands them. He was offered a place on Fremont's staff, but preferred to remain with the gallant Seventh.

THE STATE FAIR.—The grounds were being rapidly cleared yesterday, and a day or two will see nothing left. During the Fair a large amount of valuable stock has changed hands at good prices, and more will be sold in this city by their owners. Nothing took place at the Fair Grounds yesterday, the Military Committee holding their test of fire arms and the Champion drill fire to the public on the Lake Shore Park, as noticed elsewhere.

THE ELLSWORTH ZOUAVES.—The Ellsworth Zouaves, Capt. Brand, will have their first street parade to-day—leaving their armory at 12 o'clock precisely.

This company intended to have drilled for the colors at the State Fair; but as they were unable to find out from the managers when the trial would take place, it passed off without their knowledge. The Zouaves are fully equipped and armed, they themselves having purchased their own arms and uniforms.

A FURTHER REDUCTION ON PASSENGER FARES EASTWARD BY THE NEW YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—We understand that the New York and Erie Railroad has made another reduction on Eastward bound passenger fares from Dunkirk and Buffalo to New York, Boston and other New England cities, to take effect to-day. Travelers who desire palatial day cars and the *ne plus ultra* of sleeping cars, will find them on the broad guage, through from Lake Erie to tide water without change of cars